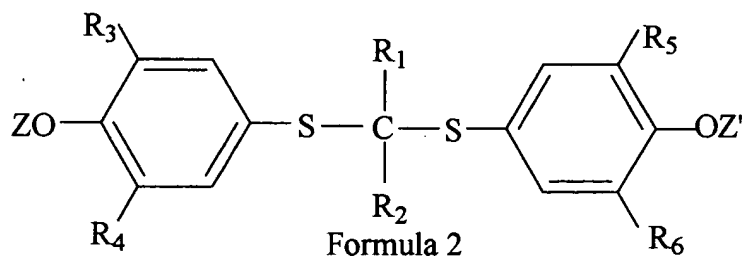


ABSTRACT

A method is described for the preparation of polymorphic forms of water-soluble derivatives of probucol compounds having the following formula



where R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, Z and Z' are defined herein.